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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Gen. French, with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley Thursday evening. —— Roland B. Molineux is sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week beginning March 26. —— The British Commons passed the army estimates, £13,000,000. —— The race between Gov. Johnston and Senator Morgan for the Alabama Senatorship will be very close. —— J. J. Laughinghouse, of Pitt county, N. C., assaulted and robbed by negroes; a posse is in pursuit of the robbers. —— The Philippine question was debated in the U. S. Senate yesterday. —— A military and naval expedition left Manila to sweep the province of Camarines. —— It is said the pine lumber interests of Virginia and North Carolina have been pooled. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan at 2 per cent; cotton quiet; middling uplands 8¼c.; flour dull and featureless, except for low grade winters; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 76½c.; corn—spot weak; No. 2, 43c.; rosin steady; strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine steady at 56@56½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 16.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 48 degrees; 8 P. M., 50 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.80 inches.

Stage of water at 8 A. M. at Fayetteville 30 feet.

STORM WARNING.

The northwest storm signals were displayed at 2.30 P. M. The storm centre then was near Augusta, Ga.; movement northwest. High northwest winds and cold wave on the Gulf and North Atlantic coasts were predicted.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—For North Carolina: Clearing and much colder, with freezing temperature to the coast Saturday; brisk northwesterly winds; Sunday, fair and continued cold.

Port Almanac—Feb. 17.

Sun Rises	6.48 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.42 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 54 M.
High Water at Southport.	9 25 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	11.55 A. M.

Governor Leary, of Guam, is always wanting something. The latest request is for a circulating library and some banjos.

When Senator Depew suggested "gold and glory" as the slogan of the Republican party, he very appropriately put gold first.

The American Steel and Wire Trust, of Pittsburg, has increased the wages of its 30,000 employes about seven and a half per cent. But it had previously increased the prices of its stuff from 50 to 100 per cent.

Anthony W. Dimmock, once a high-flier on Wall street, has retired and gone into bankruptcy, with $1,292,736 liabilities and assets amounting to $25 in cash, and $125 in clothes. The wonder is how he managed to get out with that much money in his pocket.

The rag pickers of Paris, (of whom there about 40,000 who eke out a subsistence by picking rags from the rubbish heaps) have a grievance because the rubbish is now put in boxes which can't be opened except by the cartmen who haul the rubbish away. This prevents the pickers from gouging for rags.

An Atlanta Judge has pronounced "legally dead" a man who went off and didn't let himself be heard from for many years, and then returned to enter suit and break up an estate that had been settled long ago. He says the man is not only legally dead but shall remain dead as far as his court is concerned.

A Norristown, Pa., girl who became excited during a fire and lost her voice found it again the other day on returning to the mill to work, after several week's absence. The familiar whir of the machinery acted like magic on the vocal chords, and she has been talking ever since to make up for lost time. It isn't easy to make a woman's voice stay lost.

The kerosene output of this country is about 1,700,000,000 gallons per year, about one-half of which is consumed in this country, the remainder principally in England and Germany. As this business is practically controlled by the Standard Oil Company, its large dividends to stockholders are easily accounted for. When it wants to rake in some extra cash it just puts the price up two or three cents a gallon, and the cash comes, for people must have light.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Capt. John Barry will put a force of hands at work probably to-day on the building of the Mott's Creek bridge near "Summer Rest" on Wrightsville Sound.

— Yesterday and the day before the City Clerk and Treasurer's office did a "bargain week's business." The levying process recently inaugurated is responsible for the rush.

— The Rev. John E. King, who has for many years been connected with the Second Advent Church, on Thursday night connected himself with the First Baptist Church.

— The temporary stockade for the use of convicts now at work on the Castle Haynes road near the seven mile post is completed. It will probably be a month before the wheeled prison will arrive here.

— Pretty calendars advertising the Clyde Steamship Company's Florida lines were being distributed to patrons yesterday by Superintendent Smallbones, of the Wilmington office. The STAR office acknowledges the receipt of one of these.

— The steamboat *Hurt* arrived yesterday afternoon from Fayetteville and cleared at about 8 o'clock last night for the return trip. The *Hawes* and *A. J. Johnson* came in yesterday morning and cleared early in the afternoon for the return trip.

Mr. Pritchard Lennon, of Whiteville, who was here yesterday having some cattle weighed at the city pound left his overcoat and valise for a moment near the gate. When he finished his task and started to his hotel, he was surprised to find that both articles had been stolen.

— The tug *Waban*, of Charleston, is expected in port to-day to proceed with the distressed schooner *Penobscott* to New York. The vessel was delivered over to its owners yesterday by the U. S. authorities, the bond having been executed in the sum of $3,000 with a New York surety company.

— John Watson, white, was fined $10 in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday for an assault, in default of the payment of which he was sent to jail. Justice Bornemann expressed himself as under many obligations to Sheriff MacRae for the tender of all officers necessary to preserve order in the court.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Opera House—A Texas Steer.
J.W. Plummer, Jr.—Fine fruit.
King Grocery Co.—Choice coffee.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—A house and lot.

The Smallpox Patients.

The only persons now detained at the pest house are the old negro Bacchus, who furnished Wilmington with its first case of smallpox, and his seven children, who were at first detained because of contact with their father, and all of whom have, without a single exception, contracted the disease. Dr. McMillan has been painstaking and careful in the treatment of the cases, and that no deaths have occurred and that the cases have been of exceedingly mild form is a handsome testimonial to his skill in the management of cases of this character.

Will Donate a Site for a Factory.

Mr. W. M. Cumming, the enterprising real estate man, authorizes the STAR to say that he is ready to donate two large lots as a site for a cotton factory. One lot is on the south and the other on the north side of Dawson street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. The property is well in the city limits, and the location is one of the most healthful in the city. The land is level and sandy, and Mr. Cumming proposes to give a clear title to it without any conditions, such as receiving stock, etc.

Mayor's Court.

Jim Armstrong, the negro who created a disturbance and struck with a hatchet another negro named Odie Fennell, at the city rock quarries a few days ago, was sent over to the Criminal Court by the Mayor yesterday morning. In default of $50 bond for his appearance he was placed in jail.

Bettie Pigford, a colored dame, was given fifteen days in prison for disorderly conduct in the "Hollow."

Thrown From a Cart.

Mr. John Garrett, a member of the street force, was thrown from a cart at Davis' stables yesterday and suffered a dislocation of the shoulder. He was driving rather fast, when one of the wheels went up against an obstruction and he was thrown violently to the ground. He was sent to his home on South Eighth street, where Dr. McMillan gave him medical attention.

The Artesian Well.

Owing to the breaking of the cable used in drilling the Clarendon Waterworks Companys' artesian well at Hilton, the work has been suspended for some weeks. A new cable has been received, however, and drilling will be resumed at once. When the work stopped the well had reached 1315 feet.

Bicycle races, Sack races, Wheelbarrow races, Pigeon Shoots, Tournament, Climbing the Greasy Pole, Chasing the Greasy Pig, Cracker Eating Contest, Tugs of War, Minstrels, and all the old time Southern sports, for Gala Day at Southern Pines, February 22nd. †

SHERIFF WILL SETTLE WITH STATE AND COUNTY.

Statement of Year's Tax Collections Now Ready for Treasurer and Commissioners—A Fine Showing.

Sheriff MacRae is now ready to settle with the State and County in the matter of tax collections for the current fiscal year. Mr. Owen Fennell chief deputy clerk in the office, completed the computations yesterday and he now has a statement drawn up for presentation to both the State Treasurer and to the Board of County Commissioners, which will meet in special session at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Sheriff MacRae has been phenomenally successful in the collections this year and has probably broken the record of all previous years as to the amount received in New Hanover county. The sum total of real and personal property according to the levy was approximately $83,000 and out of this amount there has been collected according to the final statement $79,372.48, which is equivalent to over ninety-five and a half per cent. Of the amount collected $43,536.67 will go to the county and the balance, which is $35,835.81 will be given to the State and school fund in the proportions prescribed by law.

For the fiscal year ending in 1899, the collections were not nearly so large; indeed, the levy was not so great as this year, but the per cent., which is really the only criterion in a matter of this nature, is considerably in favor of this year. Last year the final settlement was not made until some two weeks later in the season than now, and the actual amount received was only $63,191.61—a difference in favor of this year of $16,180.87, with allowance for the difference in levy as stated.

Out of the amount that goes to the State in the final settlement, New Hanover county's school fund will be reimbursed in the sum of something over $1,100, her share of the direct appropriation by the Legislature to the public schools of the State. The sheriff has instructions to pay this amount to the County Treasurer at once and send in his receipt therefor as cash in settlement of the taxes. County Treasurer Green will receive this amount for the schools to-day, and it it will be apportioned by the Board of Education in July for the ensuing fiscal year.

VESSELS BOUND THIS WAY.

Those Reported as Either Having Sailed or Bound for Wilmington.

The following is a list of the vessels reported either having sailed or chartered for this port as given in the current number of the *Maritime Register:*

Norwegian steamship *Aquila*, 1,407 tons, Andersen, sailed Falmouth February 7th.

British steamship *Neva*, 903 tons, arrived Gibraltar January 27th for Wilmington.

Swedish barque *Adele*, 596 tons, Holmgren, sailed Helsingborg December 4th; put back December 6th and sailed again December 19th.

Swedish barque *Norden*, 413 tons, Homberg, sailed Palma January 20th.

Norwegian barque *Passat*, 654 tons, Aanonsen, sailed London January 23rd and reported off Deal 24th ult.

Norwegian barque *Rosenius*, 532 tons, Bogwald, sailed Bristol December 22nd.

Norwegian barque *Sonora*, 534 tons, Tellefsen, sailed Hamburg January 30th.

Barque *Francis S. Hampshire*, 992 tons, Van Horn, at Rio Janeiro, February 1st., for New York and Wilmington and Santos.

Schooner *Geo. W. Whitford*, 181 tons, Decker, Perth Amboy, A. J. Bailey.

Schooner *Melissa Trask*, 198 tons, Cobb, sailed New York January 27th for Wilmington and Hayti and N. of H.

Schooner *Wm. Linthicum*, 148 tons, Brannock, cleared Baltimore January 10th for Wilmington, Georgetown and Philadelphia.

To Fill in Low Lots.

The real estate firms of W. M. Cumming, Andrew Smith, D. O'Connor, and J. G. Wright & Son yesterday entered into an agreement with the Streets and Wharves Committee to take the surplus sand from the grading of the streets for sanitary drainage for the purpose of filling in such low lots as they own or control. They agree to pay five cents a load for sand and it is to be dumped on the lots by the city carts which will haul it away from the cuts made by the street hands at work in making the street improvements. The benefit from this arrangement will be two-fold—the city will have a sanitary drainage system and the low and unhealthy places will be filled in.

It would be a good idea for the citizens generally to utilize the sand from the street grades in filling in their lots. The Streets and Wharves Committee will make the same arrangements with them as they have made with the real estate people.

State Council Jr. O. U. A. M.

The State Council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics will be convened at Durham, N. C., next Tuesday, and indications point to a very large attendance. Mr. Walter E. Yopp and L. V. Grady, Esq., have been chosen to represent Jeff Davis Council of this city and they will leave Tuesday morning to attend the sessions.

If you wish to sell a farm or city property place it in the hands of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency. R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C. †

A LITERARY TREAT.

Joint Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Death of Poe by the Three Societies of High School.

The Utopian, the Theta Delta, and the Class of 1900, societies of the Tileston High School, had a joint celebration yesterday in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the immortal Southern poet, Edgar Allen Poe. There was a large attendance of the members of the societies but there were few visitors. The societies were pleased to have as a spectator Mr. James H. Chadbourn, chairman of the School Committee of District No. 2.

Miss Worth, principal of the Tileston High School, presided, and a most excellent and very interesting programme was carried out. The exercises lasted from 9 A. M. to 10 A. M., the following being the programme:

Sketch of Poe's Life—Miss Irene Peterson.

Paper in Defence of Poe—Mr. J. Edwin Bunting.

Reading of "The Raven" (by request)—Miss Worth.

How, Why "The Raven" was Written—Mr. D. Archie Bulluck.

Recitation of Poe's "Annabel Lee"—Miss Alice Craft.

Sketch, "The Gold Bug"—Miss Maggie Wood.

Recitation, "The Haunted Palace"—Miss Elizabeth Daggett.

Criticism on "The Bells"—Miss Janie Williams.

The sketches and papers were original, and were highly creditable. The reading of Miss Worth was artistic and was exceptionally enjoyed, as were also the recitations by Misses Craft and Daggett. The participants in the programme were all most deservedly applauded.

TO REBUILD THE CLUB HOUSE

The Governing Board of the Carolina Yacht Club to Meet To-night to Approve the Plans for Building.

The governing board of the Carolina Yacht Club will hold a meeting to-night at 8 o'clock to examine the plans for the club's new house to be erected on Wrightsville Beach in place of the old club house destroyed by the West India hurricane last fall. Mr. Charles McMillen, the architect, has drawn the plans and they will no doubt be approved at the meeting to night.

The new club house will be a great improvement on the old one. Besides the commodious hall and rooms down stairs there will be three nice upper rooms for the use of the lady members of the club. The plans will also embrace nicely arranged bath houses.

Work of tearing away the old club house was begun yesterday, and it is proposed to begin right away the work of erecting the new house.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

Comparative Statement of Receipts for the Week and Past Crop Year.

The following interesting comparison of the receipts of cotton and naval stores at the port of Wilmington for the week and part crop year in 1900 with those of the last crop year, are gleaned from the regular stock report as posted yesterday at the Produce Exchange:

Week ending February 16th, 1900—Cotton, 6,090 bales; spirits, 351 casks; rosin, 4,436 barrels; tar, 3,703 barrels; crude, 106 barrels.

Week ending February 16th, 1899—Cotton, 332 bales; spirits, 47 casks; rosin, 1,133 barrels; tar, 425 barrels crude, 58 barrels.

Crop year to February 16th, 1900—Cotton, 248,675 bales; spirits, 28,834 casks; rosin, 151,320 barrels; tar, 66,819 barrels; crude, 11,409 barrels.

Crop year to February 16th, 1899—Cotton, 284,010 bales; spirits, 27,191 casks; rosin, 151,066 barrels; tar, 62,579 barrels; crude, 10,606.

DEATH OF W. C. COLLISON.

Died Suddenly at Newbern Thursday Afternoon—Relatives Here Notified.

Mr. W. C. Collison, a well known marine engineer and mechanic of Wilmington and a brother of Mrs. J. D. Steljes, of this city, died in Newbern Thursday afternoon. Mayor Patterson, of Newbern, telegraphed Justice J. M. McGowan Thursday night to notify his relatives of the demise, which he did, and it is probable the remains will be brought here for interment.

The Newbern *Journal* of yesterday contains the following account of his death:

A man named W. C. Collison, who came from Wilmington, but who has been acting as engineer on river steamers here, was taken up by the city authorities yesterday.

Mr. Collison complained of being unwell, and the city physician called and gave him such relief that he was able to take a transfer, which was to take him to the County Home, where he might be better taken care of, but on the way to the Home Mr. Collison died in the transfer.

A dispatch was sent to Wilmington last night to see what relatives Mr. Collison had, and what should be done with his remains. An answer is expected so that the body may be sent this morning if the relatives so wish.

Smallpox Quarantine Raised.

Mr. Jno. C. Scarborough came in yesterday from along the Carolina Central. He says the smallpox has about disappeared from the infected places along the road, so that the quarantine has been raised at towns which had adopted measures to protect themselves from the contagion.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. L. Breckenridge came home yesterday from Raleigh.

— Mr. J. H. House, of Littleton, was here on business yesterday.

— Mr. John R. Morris, of Baltimore, is here calling on the trade.

— Mr. C. E. Gause, of Southport, was on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. B. F. Ketchum, of Jacksonville, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. C. W. Worth and family have gone on a trip to Philadelphia.

— Mr. W. G. Fussel, of Rose Hill, made business calls in the city yesterday.

— Mr. James M. Seegar, the well known Baltimore travelling man, is at The Orton.

— Mr. L. H. Randall, of Little River, S. C., was among yesterday's visitors to the city.

— Senator J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, came up to the city yesterday and is a guest of The Orton.

— Messrs. C. W. Carr and A. Moir Stevens, of the Atlantic Snuff Company, are in the city calling on the jobbers.

— Mr. Thos. W. Fisher, the popular travelling representative of Stewart & Skinner, Baltimore, is in the city calling on the trade.

— Mr. C. D. Judd, the clever travelling salesman for the S. W. Venable Tobacco Company, of Petersburg, is here calling on the trade.

— Captain and Mrs. Joseph J. Bowden last night celebrated their silver wedding at their home on Seventh street between Princess and Chesnut streets, where they received a number of their friends.

THE FIRE ALARM TOWER.

Contract Awarded to Mr. W. J. Kirkham Yesterday for its Erection—Work Will Be Begun Next Week.

People who have been clamoring for the fire alarm tower and those who experience a feeling of indignation, when the hook and ladder truck or one of Chief Schnibben's spick and span new hose wagons dashes past them at a "two-forty gait" with no pronomition as to "where the fire is at," will learn with peculiar delight that yesterday Alderman Taylor, chairman of the fire committee, let the contract for the erection of the steel structure which is to support the big bell that rings out the number of box near which each and every fire occurs.

Mr. W. J. Kirkham was the successful bidder and in conversation yesterday he told a STAR representative that he expects to begin work on the brick foundation upon which the tower will rest as early as Wednesday of next week. Two or three bolts, which are needed at the outset will have to be made here and it will not be until early next week that they can be secured. In the meantime, Mr. Kirkham says, he will begin work on the excavations at the hook and ladder station and everything will be in readiness for the laying of brick on Wednesday.

The tower will be raised on a base of brick which will be built up from an excavated surface seven feet under ground to the surface of the plot. The tower will be about fifty feet high.

Mr. Kirkham will furnish all material necessary for the erection of the tower and will receive for the service $175.

CHARACTER BUILDING.

Prof. Jno. B. DeMotte's Lecture at the Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

A tremendous audience was in attendance at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night to hear one of the most remarkable lectures ever delivered in Wilmington. The lecture was on "Character Building," and the lecturer was Prof. John B. DeMotte, of Byrn Mawr Female University, Philadelphia, Pa.

After stereopticon views showing the motions of air waves, created by sound, and the influence of sounds and impressions on memory and character, series of diagrams were presented to show the influence of environment upon the brain cells and character. He showed by clear reasoning, diagrams and appeals to experience, how permanent is the injury and final ruin of character under evil influences and companionships, and how safety versus wreck depends upon contact and associations during youth and the formation period of life. He furnished many examples to prove the facts stated, and with touching eloquence urged the danger of neglecting the guardianship of our boys, and explained how the brain cells become distorted and diseased until the moral faculties are warped and diseased beyond remedy; with tremendous power he impressed three guardian counsels of infinite value to the young:

1. Conserve your vitality.
2. Preserve your body.
3. Shun thoughts and deeds that may become crimes.

After the lecture many people went forward and were introduced to the lecturer and thanked him for his timely words.

— Bear in mind that Wilmington must have more cotton factories. They will pay the stockholders handsomely, increase our white population, and build up our retail trade.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

A SPLENDID COMBINATION.

Katie Putnam and "A Texas Steer" at the Opera House Monday Night—Seats Now on Sale.

Wilmington theatre goers will be doubly attracted to the Opera House Monday night, for the large metropolitan cast that will produce a "Texas Steer," the masterpiece of America's foremost playwright, Chas. Hoyt, will be headed by the celebrated little actress, Katie Putnam, looking just as winsome and captivating as when she used to take the hearts of the people of Wilmington by storm and pack the theatre nightly.

Just here it will be remembered that in the long ago, Miss Putnam while playing in this city was publically presented with a gold watch by her many admirers.

It would be singular if the theme hit upon by Hoyt in "A Texas Steer" did not furnish rousing entertainment. "Maverick Brander" is a rugged, honest Texas ranchman. During a brief absence from his ranch he is elected to Congress. The yeoman confronted with this fact on his return indignantly refuses to fill the office. "If you think you're too good to represent us in Congress, you jest say so," greets "Brander's" refusal. Backed by hundreds of barrels of six-shooters, the plainsman throws up his hands, and flies to Washington with his honest wife and daughter. The misadventures that ensue are always absorbing; now wildly hilarious, quietly satirical, again touchingly pathetic. The play will be given a magnificent production and will be presented by a company of players remarkably adapted for the interpretation of the variously diverse and taking roles.

MARRIAGE AT ATKINSON.

Miss Carr, from Southport, Happily Wedded to Mr. J. M. Bowden.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

ATKINSON, N. C., Feb. 16.—St. Thomas', the pretty new Episcopal Church at Atkinson, N. C., so camly nestled among the oaks and holly, was awakened from its solemnity Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Mamie Carr, from Southport, was happily married to Mr. J. M. Bowden, of Waccamaw.

Fair, artistic hands arranged exquisite decorations. Under an arch of holly, smilax and bamboo, the following couples stood and witnessed the soleman and impressive ceremony performed by Rev. Edward Wootten, of Wilmington: Miss Mattie Hawes, maid of honor, with Dr. Thompson, of Wilson, as best man; Mr. J. R. Hawes, Miss Myrtle Leonard, Miss Livy Anders, Mr. Eddison Council. The young ladies were handsomely dressed in travelling suits, all in perfect harmony with the bride's lovely costume.

The strain of that well known march played by Miss Daisy Baldwin, of Athens, Ga., which march has joined so many happy hearts, made people more forcibly understand the solemnity.

Many congratulations were bestowed on the worthy groom and numerous "best wishes" for the bride.

Church Notices.

Bladen Street Methodist Church: Rev. J. J. Porter will preach at 11 A. M., and at the evening service.

Immanuel Church: Services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. by Rev. Edward E. Lane. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.3. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M.

The Seamen's Bethel: Regular religious services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All welcome.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor; 11 A. M., "Between the Living and the Dead." At 7.30 P. M., "Why Will Some Good People Be Lost?"

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor. Services 11 o'clock A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting service every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 P. M. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

Second Advent Baptist Church, between Castle and Church streets. Preaching by the pastor, Eld-r E. Fisher, at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; Sunday School at 4 P. M. Prayer meetings Tuesday and Friday nights at 8. Strangers and visitors cordially invited. Seats free.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets. Rev. J. J. Payseur pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordialyl invited to all services.

First Presbyterian Church: Divine service at 11 A. M. and 7 0 P. M. conducted by Rev. Dr. Strickler, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M., conducted by Rev. Edward E. Lane. The public cordially invited.

Services at Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner Fifth and Bladen streets, at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. every Sabbath, by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Porter. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M.; A. P. Merritt superintendent Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 8.30 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, situated on Fifth street between Nun and Church, Rev. John H. Hall pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 30 o'clock. Sunday School Sunday afternoon at 3.00 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School, J. H. Davis, supt.; 3.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city especially invited. Seats free.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IT IS A MISTAKE

As stated in yesterday's "Messenger," that there are no Business Houses FOR RENT One of the most desirable stores in the city now occupied by Fishblate Clothing Company

will be vacant from Oct. 1st.

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Bicycles.

Bicycles for sale, new second-hand, from $8.00 to $48.00. Bicycles, Guns, Locks and Pistols repaired. All work guaranteed. Sundries marked way down. M. & W. Tires at $6.50 per pair. Guaranteed Single Tube Tires at $5.00. M. & W. Inner Tube $1.25 each. Twentieth Century Lamps $2.00; others cheaper. Foot Pump- 90c. Hand Pumps 20c. Bells 25c. Oils, Cements, Graphite Grips, Spokes, Rims, Valves; all cheap. The Sunbow Automatic Gas Lamp for sale or rent. Call and see them at

Carolina Bicycle Shop.
C. H. O'BERRY, Prop.
Bell 'Phone 468.
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"SANDERS"

Has lots of Nice Things at

"The Unlucky Corner"

At regular prices, and some

BARGAINS.

Notably—Smoked Beef Tongues at 25c each. Large Fish Roe 45c dozen, worth 60c.

DELICIOUS ORANGES.

Something New—

Canned Peaches in Cordial.

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A. D. BROWN.

THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE STORE ARE NUMEROUS.

No particular department, but everywhere you may turn you will find SEASONABE ARTICLES. When I say seasonable I mean something useful, for I handle nothing else. "The Embroidery Sale" has been a rousing success, and will continue. However, while they are exquisite in their loveliness they must not overshadow the MANY NEW GOODS I am daily receiving.

This week, Early Spring Dress Stuffs

—will be shown which are the "Newest of the new," all having been selected with an eye to the wants of our people. And the like cannot be found in other stores, as we have the exclusive right for this city of many of these goods.

New Mattings. New Mattings.

They were purchased before the increase in price, and we are enabled to give our patrons the benefit. The prettiest line of China Matting arriving every day. All the New Colorings.

Carpets and Rugs.

I can and will give you the closest price on anything in this line.

Ladies' Jackets.

I want to close out this line, and will make all prices on them at the very lowest—NOT COST, but very much below.

Sole agent for "Her Majesty," "American Lady" and "Dowager" Corsets, also Butterick's Patterns.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 17.

FEELING THE GRIP OF THE TRUSTS.

That trusts will be one of the leading issues if not *the* leading issue in the next Presidential campaign is now a foregone conclusion. The Republican party managers would like to dodge it but they can't, for they will not be permitted to dodge it. Compelled to face it they are in a very embarrassing position, for if they try to minimize the issue by undertaking to curb the trusts they will antagonize the trusts and lose the money they hope to get from them for the next campaign. If they don't do something to curb the trusts and placate the people they will turn thousands of Republicans against the party, so that between the trusts, with which they want to keep on good terms, and the people, whose votes they will need, they are between the devil and the deep sea, without a raft to float on.

The anti-trust feeling has been growing stronger and stronger every day and trusts are now a topic of earnest discussion in every State in the Union, and in some States where twelve months ago people wouldn't stand five minutes to listen to a man discuss the trust question it is a topic of absorbing interest. The rapidity which trusts have increased within the past year or so, and the way they have reached out and controlled all the articles in common use and raised prices have given the country a practical illustration of what the trusts mean.

A year or so ago the anti-trust talk was confined mainly to the West and the South, there was little of it in the East, but now the East has waked up and that is becoming the looming issue there. In an article in the New York *Journal*, its correspondent, James Creelman, tells how and why the anti-trust sentiment is growing so rapidly in the East. Speaking of Mr. Bryan's tour he says:

"The most significant fact revealed by Mr. Bryan's tour through the eastern States is that thousands of small business men and manufacturers who supported Mr. McKinley in 1896 have decided to support the Democrat party this year. A more significant movement can hardly be imagined.

"This means that the crushing power exerted by the trusts is driving the victims of this all engulfi g, rapacious system of centralization out of the party dominated by Mr. McKinley and Senator Hanna, the open agents of trusts and syndicates.

"'For the first time the trust issue has become a factor—probably a controlling factor—in practical politics, not only in the west and south, but also in the east, and particularly in New York. While Senator Hanna is arranging with the trusts for a campaign fund of $25,000,000—that is said to be the estimated sum—Mr. Bryan has been receiving assurances from hundreds and hundreds of business men who opposed him in 1896 that they will aid him now in self-defense."

Calling attention to the fact that the people do not confound corporates combinations framed for the purpose of working to better advantage and reducing the cost of production, &c., with combinations—commonly called trusts—framed for the purpose of controlling production and thus securing monopoly—which are quite different from the others, he says :

"But the cry which rings from State to State and increases in volume and intensity every week is a cry against a system of absolute monopoly, backed by government favoritism, which is crushing out small proprietors, shutting the gates of opportunity and converting a large and important body of hitherto independent business men into salaried employes. The change has been swift and almost noiseless. In every city and town are to be found scores of hired men who, only two years ago, were in business on their own account. These men were helpless to resist the overpowering weight of the trust system. Let any man in any part of the country investigate this statement in his own community. The great danger which threatens the country is that no man will be able to engage in any of the business controlled by trusts unless he does so as a hireling, and that, with competition destroyed, the prices of necessaries of life will be fixed arbitrarily by the trusts, without restraint. Go to any store in your neighborhood and ask whether the trusts have reduced prices. The rapid rise in the prices within the past year is startling, almost incredible. * * *

"The startling rise in the price of articles manufactured by trusts completely unmasks the gigantic industrial and commercial conspiracy which is bleeding the whole country. No man is safe now. No man dares to interfere with the pillage. Within one year the trusts have nearly doubled in power and in perfection of organization. Yet the prices in the retail stores everywhere are going up. If you are not already aware of this, ask your wife, your housekeeper, your butcher, your grocer. This is the most overwhelming thing on the whole social, political or economic landscape. This it is that is driving tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of new recruits to the Democratic party. Monopoly stalks grimly on the ashes of competition.

"These are not theories; they are plain facts. I personally know that even important bankers have informed Mr. Bryan within the past few weeks that they are no longer independent; that they feel the enslaving, humiliating clutch of the great trusts and syndicates, forcing them this way and that against their will. The business community is losing its independence; the trusts, with a newly awakened realization of power, are raising the prices of everything they manufacture; in small towns and villages clerks are taking the place of proprietors."

The Republican party which has always professed to be a party of the people, laboring for the good of the people, has made no effort to stem the trust tide or to protect the people from it, although it was in the power of its representatives in Washington to have at least made the effort. How they failed to do this, because they feared to tackle the trusts to which they look for most of the money for corruption or other purposes in the next campaign Mr. Creelman tells as follows:

"President McKinley and Attorney General Griggs are sympathetically inactive. They know that the Supreme Court of the United States has declared in the most positive and unmistakable language that the anti trust law passed by Congress is constitutional, and that it is sufficient to reach the criminal nature of the trust conspiracy. The President and the Attorney General know that at the present time there is being organized the most extensive and irresistible combination of railroad transportation, hand in hand with the other trusts, and that the nation is becoming weak and bloodless under the burden. But they also know that Mr. Hanna expects to get $25,000,000 from the trusts, to be used in keeping the administration in power. The Attorney General refuses to enforce the anti-trust law, and the President will not compel him to do it.

"The result of my investigation in New York and the Middle West during the past few weeks is a firm conviction that for the first time the country is aroused to the real peril to a republican form of government arising from the trust system, which Mr. Hanna says is a good thing."

The Republicans may in their party platforms deprecate trusts, and even condemn them in a non-committal way, as Mr. McKinley did in his message, by so qualifying language that it would permit any trust in the country to escape, but that will not fool sensible people, any more than their bimetallic talk in Congress, where they are trying to force a gold standard bill upon the country, will fool sensible people. Anti-trust resolutions and platforms would simply be regarded as bunco for the people simple enongh to be buncoed. They will have to meet the issue squarely, without the bunco to help them, and they will need the $25,000,000 that Hanna expects to squeeze out of the trusts to do it.

ANOTHER SWIPE AT BUTLER.

Senator Marion Butler, the dickerer, is receiving a good deal of attention these days and numerous swipes from Populists who object to being led by Butler into Pritchard's camp and to being used as tools to further Butler's selfish schemes. We have published several letters of this kind, and here is another from Congressman Atwater, of the Fourth District. He was invited to attend a public meeting at Pittsboro, and being unable to attend sent a letter, in which, after stating that he was and is a Populist and why he became one, he concludes thus:

"I state most emphatically that I am for white supremacy, for the rule of the white man in North Carolina, and for the elimination of the vicious and ignorant negro vote, which has for years stood as an open menace to good government in the State.

"Senator Butler, nor any other man can lead me to antagonize my own race or to oppose the present movement in North Carolina to amend the Constitution of the State so as to disfranchise a portion of the ignorant negro voters, or to sacrifice the principles of the Populist party by fusing with the Republican party. It is an opportunity which has not come to the people of the State since the franchise was wrongfully conferred upon the negroes, and every white man who loves his race and his State should without hesitation embrace this opportunity, and, in my opinion, if he follows his own conscience and his individual judgment, he will do so.

"There are thousands of other Populists who feel upon this issue as I do, and they will be found in this contest with the great bulk of the white men of North Carolina. Senator Butler has made the mistake of his life. He may have regarded it as the only alternative which promised him re-election to the Senate, but there should be some things dearer than political preferment, and more sacred than the spoils of office, and this question of white supremacy is one. He had better have faced defeat, and have gone back to the ranks of the thousands of honest white men in North Carolina than to nave belied his own past record, and to have antagonized the best element of his race in the State.

"As for myself, my services are enlisted in the cause of the supremacy of the white man in the government of North Carolina, and as sure as the day of election comes, so surely will the amendment be ratified by the people at the polls.

"There are some good men in the State who have feared that if the 5th section of the proposed amendment should be declared unconstitutional, that the remainder of the proposed amendment would stand, and thereby result in disfranchising a large number of honest white voters in the State. While the great majority of the best lawyers in and out of the State have given it as their opinion that the amendment would either stand as a whole, or be rejected as a whole, and that the 5th section was entirely constitutional; still naturally a doubt among the people may have existed upon this question, it being entirely an issue of law.

"However, if the Legislature at its adjourned session in June shall adopt another section to the amendment, as is proposed to be done, providing that the amendment shall stand or fall as a whole, all opposition to the amendment will thereby be disarmed, and the only plausible argument of the opponets of the amendment will be eliminated."

GORMAN WILL SUPPORT HIM.

Senator Gorman, of Maryland, is one of the gentlemen whose names have been mentioned as prospective opponents of Wm. J. Bryan for the nomination for the Presidency by the next National Democratic Convention. A story had been put in circulation that he had entered into a scheme with Mr. Croker, of New York, to secure the re-nomination of Bryan, that he might defeated and thus permanently laid on the shelf. A representative of the Washington *Post*, a couple days ago, called his attention to the story as published in a New York paper, to which Mr. Gorman replied as follows:

"The first knowledge which came to me of Croker's intention to support Bryan, was through the newspapers. I never talked with Croker on the subject, and never have been a party to any plan to renominate Mr. Bryan. On the contrary, all my efforts, I am very frank to state, have been directed against such action. I did not believe it was a wise thing to nominate him. I believe now, however, that nothing can prevent his selection as the head of the Democratic ticket. He certainly has the people behind him to a remarkable degree."

The *Post* then continues the interview, in substance, thus:

"Mr. Gorman says that the Democratic chances for success are better now than in 1896, and have improved greatly, even within the last three weeks. 'The tide,' he said, 'is now running against the administration.' Mr. Gorman thinks that the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty has had a great deal to do with the change in public sentiment, because it has given color to the charge that the administration has an understanding with Great Britain and that an offensive and defensive alliance will be the next step. 'This treaty,' he says, 'and the conditions in the Philippines, to say nothing of the vexatious problems that are constantly arising to plague the administration, are helping the Democrats. I think, too, he added, "that the passage of the gold standard bill will also help us, because it will remove all danger of the free coinage of silver and will bring back to the Democrat ranks those who left it in 1896 on the silver issue."

"Will you support Bryan if he is nominated?"

"Certainly. I supported him in 1896, and I shall support him again this year. I do not propose to desert my party."

No one who knows Mr. Gorman would for a moment believe that he would enter into such a disreputable game, as alleged by the New York paper which gave the one referred to publicity. Mr. Gorman is a politician, he has his ambitions, his likes and dislikes, but he is neither a sneak nor treacherous. He was opposed to Bryan's nomination last time, but when nominated he, like the Democrat he is, loyally supported him. There are few more level-headed politicians in this country than Mr. Gorman, and therefore the hopeful view he takes of Democratic success in the next election possesses more than ordinary significance.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It is a peculiar coincidence that while Cecil Rhodes, the man who was behind the Jameson raid, is besieged in Kimberley, Dr. Jamesson himself is cooped up in Ladysmith with General White.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— Since the discovery of gold at Cape Nome, Alaska, there has been a thinning out of fortune hunters at Dawson and in the Klondike, and interest in the Alaska Boundary question has sensibly diminished, using the word "sensibly" in both senses.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—— Some of the newspapers are now recalling Bismarck's prediction that the British empire would find its grave in South Africa, but while the British situation is grave beyond question, we do not think it is quite as grave yet a while as the Bismarck quotation might suggest.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Political controversy in Cuba relates thus far to the character of the electorate rather than to the system of government, and the paramount issue of the local elections in May next is practically whether the suffrage on the island shall be restricted or unlimited. Secure and content under the protection of Federal power, the Cubans propose to solve at once the problem of race ascendency which has been a perpetual puzzle to many of the Latin-American Republics.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— Sunday School Teacher—"Don't you know what is meant by 'Grace before meat?' What does your father say when the family sits down to table?" Willie—"He gener'ly says: 'Well, what the duce is this stuff?'"

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and a good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Laurinburg *Exchange:* Cotton mill No. 3 is being strongly talked of at present. Level headed men think the money can and will be secured. Just where the Laurinburg boom will end is hard to tell at present.

— Rocky Mount *Motor:* A gentleman in town gave a colored man a five dollar gold coin through mistake for a nickel. The man went to the fisheries in Eastern Carolina, and after an absence of two weeks came back and returned the piece, saying he didn't discover the error until several days later. He was rewarded by a gift of $1.00.

— Charlotte *News:* A fearful accident occurred yesterday morning at the high trestle near Clifton Mill No. 2. A negro named Richard Littlejohn was walking the trestle. He had gotten about mid way when No. 47, a fast freight, struck and knocked him from the track. The body was found in the creek beneath the bridge. It was horribly mangled and could not have been identified had it not been for a letter found in the unfortunate man's pocket.

— Goldsboro *Headlight:* A great deal of truck will be raised in this section this year. Already quantities of garden peas have been planted, and preparations are now being made for beans and Irish potatoes.—— A company is being organized to utilize the splendid water power at Steven's Mill, Grantham township, for manufacturing purposes. Soon there, gold mining will be the order of the day, and why not the buzz of the saw and the hum of spindle and wheels, too.

— Raleigh *News and Observer:* Early on the ninth day of February, Mr. May Smith, of Peachland, was found dead near the road-side between Wadesboro and the Seaboard Air Line depot. He had left Wadesboro the night previous for the depot, which is a mile from town, with the intention of catching the 8.11 train for Peachland. His skull was crushed, and a wound several inches deep was found in his right cheek. There were marks on the ground indicating that he had been killed in the road, and dragged to a point several feet distant in the woods. A watch and several dollars had been taken from his person. Since his death, active efforts have been made to apprehend his assassins. Henry White and Goodman Freeman, colored were arrested in Darlington several days ago and were given a preliminary hearing before W. D. Webb, Esq. The evidence against them was largely in the nature of confessions. They were bound over to the September term of the Superior court.

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— "The last chapter of my book surprised you, didn't it?" said the young author. "Happier ending than you expected, eh?" "Well," replied the long suffering friend, "I certainly felt a sense of relief when I read it."

— He—"Here's a collar I bought for the dog. Isn't it a beauty? Only cost $1.50." She—What! for that worthless cur?" I thought you wanted to get rid of the beast?" He—"That's my idea. Somebody will be sure to steal him now with this collar on him."

— Mr. Hamm (the eminent tragedian)—"Yes, we opened our new play at Glasgow on the first of January." Friend—"And did you have a long run?" Hamm—"Well, no, we didn't have a long run, but after the second performance we had a long walk—all the way from Glasgow to London."—*Tit Bits.*

— They heard a noise in the kitchen and crept down. He carried a pistol and she a curtain pole They discovered the cause of the noise. "Did you see that rat jump out of the oven?" she gasped, holding her skirts. "Why didn't you shoot him?" "Because he was just out of my range," he chuckled.—*Chicago News.*

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Wilmington District, R. F. Bumpass, P. E.,

Wilmington, N. C.

Bladen, Center, Feb. 17, 18.
Clinton, Johnson's, Feb. 24, 25.
Kenansville, Kenansville, March 2, 4.
Waccamaw, Bethesda, March 9.
Whiteville, Whiteville, March 10, 11.
Zion, Zion, Feb. 6.
Atlantic, Concord, Feb. 7.
Onslow, Bethlehem, March 18, 19.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Clyde steamship Saginaw, 1,429 tons, Johnson, New York, H G Small bones.
Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.
Stmr E A Hawes, Creel, Clear Run, James Madden.
Stmr A J Johnson, Watson, Clear Run, J L Watson.

CLEARED.

Stmr Seabright, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S C, Stone, Rourk & Co.
Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.
Stmr A J Johnson, Watson, Clear Run, J L Watson.
Stmr E A Hawes, Creel, Clear Run, James Madden.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 71, 1900.

STEAMSHIPS.

Bendo (Br) 2,281 tons, Howey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Edith and May, 103 tons, Sawyer, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Oliver Scofield, 337 tons, Bragg, George Harriss, Son & Co.
C C Wehrum, 376 tons, Cavileer, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Robinson, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Carrie L Tyler, 538 tons, Jones, Charleston. Virginia Carolina Chemical Co.

BARQUENTINE.

Edith Sheraton, (Br) 314 tons, Michelson, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—770 bales cotton, 7 barrels rosin, 34 barrels tar, 13 barrels crude turpentine.
W. C. & A. Railroad—2 bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 81 barrels rosin, 114 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.
A. & Y. Railroad—24 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 51 barrels rosin, 17 barrels tar.
W. & N. Railroad—29 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 49 barrel rosin.
C. C. Railroad—5 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 4 barrels rosin, 39 barrels tar.
Steamer E. A. Hawes—1 bale cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 426 barrels rosin, 135 barrels tar.
Steamer A. J. Johnson—150 barrels rosin, 148 barrels tar.
Steamer Driver—27 bales cotton, 174 barrels rosin, 120 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.
Steamer Cœsus—27 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.
Steamer Seabright—17 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 35 barrels tar.
Total—Cotton, 875 bales; spirits turpentine, 53 casks; rosin, 949 barrels; tar, 659 barrels; crude turpentine, 26 barrels.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 16.

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ROSIN—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel for strained and $1.45 for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.80 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady at 44@43½c; rosin firm at 90@95c; tar steady at $1.00; crude turpentine, nothing doing

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	52
Rosin	942
Tar	659
Crude turpentine	26

Receipts same day last year.—16 casks spirits turpentine, 35 bbls rosin, 68 bbls tar, 00 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8½c per pound for middling. Quotations:

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Good ordinary	7 7 16 " "
Low middling	8 1-16 " "
Middling	8¼ " "
Good middling	8⅜ " "

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Receipts—875 bales; same day last year, 5.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77½@80c. Virginia—Prime, 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm, 53 to 53¼ cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 85 cents; upland, 50@60 cents. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan at 2 per cent., ruling rate — per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@5 per cent. Sterling exchange firm; actual business in bankers' bills at 487⅝@487¾ for demand and at 484½ for sixty days. Posted rates 485 and 488¾. Commercial bills 483¼@483¾. Silver certificates 59¾@60¾. Bar silver 59¾. Mexican dollars 47¾. Government bonds irregular. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. 2's, registered, 102¼; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 109¾; do. coupon, 109¾; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 134¼; do. coupon, 134¼; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 114¾; do. coupon, 115½; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 112¾; do. coupon, 112¾; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 106; Southern Railway 5's 108½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 63½; Chesapeake & Ohio 29¾; Manhattan L 98¾; New York Central 134½; Reading off'd 18¾; do. 1st preferred 56; St. Paul 122¾; do. preferred 171½; Southern Railway 11⅞; do. preferred 56¾; American Tobacco, 109¾; do. preferred 135¼; People's Gas ex div. 105¼; Sugar 113⅝; do. preferred 113; T. C. & Iron 98⅛; U. S. Leather 16¾; do. preferred 75¾; Western Union 84¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine steady at 56@56½c.

CHARLESTON, February 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 53c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Quotations were: B, C, D, $1 35; E, $1 40, F, $1 45; G, $1 55; H, $1 85; I, $1 95; K, $2 00; M, $2 20; N, $2 60, W G, $3 25; W W, $3 50.

SAVANNAH, February 16—Spirits turpentine firm at 54c paid and bid; sales 209 casks; receipts 142 casks; exports 609 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,529 barrels; receipts 2,091 barrels; exports 7,396 barrels. Quote: H, $1 85@1 95.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 16.—It was a day of hesitation and irregularity in the cotton market. The trade had to choose between firm cables, strong Southern market news and a bullish statistical situation on the one hand, while on the other was a prodiguous advance without reaction, a presumably large long account, and an absence of speculation by that all important branch of the trade, the outside public. The market opened steady in tone, with prices unchanged to four points higher. After the call, the near months drew rapidly away from the latter positions on vigorous buying for Continental and local short accounts, supplemented by fair support from New Orleans houses. Prices advanced to a level of eight to twelve points over last night's closing for those positions and for a time indications pointed to a return of rampant bull supremacy. The far months were neglected, and after advancing a few points sympathetically gradually eased off to a level several points below yesterday's final figures. At mid day business had fallen away to a scattering local trade, while throughout most of the afternoon the market was almost speculatively flat. Light profit taking from time to time gradually wore away the early improvement in the near months. Bear hammering, however, was totally lacking. Private cables accounted for the advance at Liverpool as the result of firmness of spot holders South and the bullish statistical situation in Europe. Official dispatches from leading Southern markets reported good demand, light offerings and generally higher prices. The close was barely steady, three points higher to four points net lower.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 8¼c.

Futures closed barely steady at quotations: February 8.70, March 8.67, April 8.66, May 8.60, June 8.58, July 8.61, August 8.67, September 7.90, October 7.68, November 7.55, December 7.55, January 7.56.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 8¾c; middling gulf 9⅛c; sales 67 bales.

Net receipts 1,204 bales; gross receipts 4 111 bales; exports to the Continent 7,761 bales; stock 122,153 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 30 325 bales; exports to Great Britain 18,225; exports to the Continent 7,761 bales; stock 1,087,378 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 190,672 bales; exports to Great Britain 55,872 bales; exports to France 3,376 bales; exports to the Continent 50,857 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,145,883 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,398,449 bales; exports to France 549,324 bales; exports to the Continent 1 627,151 bales.

Feb. 16.—Galveston, steady at 8⅛c, net receipts 7,077 bales. Norfolk, steady at 8 13 16, net receipts 2,563 bales; Baltimore, steady at 8¾c, net receipts 930 bales; Boston, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 873 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 957 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 9⅛, net receipts 14 bales; Savannah, quiet at 8½c, net receipts 5,304 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 8¾c, net receipts 7,821 bales; Mobile, firm at 8½c, net receipts 491 bales; Memphis, steady at 8¾c, net receipts 836 bales; Augusta, quiet at 8⅞c, net receipts 385 bales; Charleston, quiet and nominal at 8½c, net receipts 2,206 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Flour was dull and featureless, except for low grade winters. Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2 red 76⅞c; options opened easy and dropped off into positive weakness later in the day owing to heavy Argentine shipments, bearish Paris markets, liquidation, snow in the West and the drop in corn. Trade was very slack here all day and price changes narrow. Closed weak at ½c net decline. The sales included: March closed 76⅞c; May closed 75c; July closed 74¾c. Corn—Spot weak; No. 2, 43c; options opened easy and weakened under active Western liquidation. Liberal seaboard clearance and steady cables had no effect on the market. Closed weak at ⅜@⅝c net lower; May closed 40⅝c; July closed 41c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 20¾c; options dull and easy. Lard easy; Western steam $5 32½; February $5 32½, nominal; refined steady Cabbage quiet. Butter steady; Western creamery 21@25; State dairy 18@24c. Eggs strong; State and Pennsylvania 14½@15c at mark; Southern 13¾@14c. Rice steady. Cheese firm; fall made fancy small 12¾@13c; fall made fancy large 12¾@13c. Petroleum firm. Freights to Liverpool quiet. Tallow firm. Potatoes steady; New Jersey $1 25@1 62½; New York $1 50@1 87½; Long Island $1 50@2 00; Jersey sweets $2 25@3 75. Cotton seed oil firm on general scarcity and strength of Southern markets. Prime crude, in barrels, 34c; prime summer yellow 38@39, nominal; prime winter yellow 39@40c; prime white 39@40c; prime meal $23 50. Coffee—Spot Rio steady and tending upward; No. 7 invoice 8⅝c; No. 7 jobbing 9⅛c; mild steady to firm; Cordova 10@13¾c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 4c bid; centrifugal 96 test 4 7-16c; molasses sugar 3 13 16c; refined steady. Standard oil $5 32@5 54.

CHICAGO, February 16.—Corn yielded to liquidation by recent heavy buyers, May finishing to day's session ⅛@¼c under yesterday. Wheat weakened with corn, feeling also the heavy Argentine shipments and lower cables. May closed ¼c lower. Oats closed ¼c and provisions a trifle depressed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Cash quotations: Flour firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 64@67¼c; No. 2 red 70½@71¼c. Corn—No. 2, 33¼@33¾c. Oats—No. 2 23¾@23¾c; No. 2 white 25¾c; No. 3 white 25¾@26c. Pork, per barrel, $9 70@10 95. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 50@5 95. Short rib sides, loose, $5 90@6 15. Dry salted shoulders, $6 25¾@6 37¾. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 05@6 15. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 23¼.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 February 66¾, 66¾, 66¼, 66¼c; May 68¼@68¾, 68¾, 68¼@68¾, 68¼c; July 69½@69¾, 69¾, 68¾, 69@69¼c. Corn—No. 2 February 33¼, 33¼, 33¼, 33¼; May 35¼@35¾, 35¾, 34¾@34¾, 34¾; July 35¼@35¾, 35¾@35¾, 35¼, 35¼c. Oats—May 23¼@24, 24, 23¾, 23¾; July 22¾@23, 23¾@23, 23¾, 23¾@23¾c. Pork, per bbl—May $11 00, 11 05, 10 90, 10 97½; July $11 07½, 11 07½, 10 93½, 10 97½. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $6 07½, 6 10, 6 03¼, 6 07½; July $5 15, 6 15, 6 13¼, 6 15. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $6 03¼, 6 03¼, 5 97½, 6 03¼; July $5 05, 6 05, 6 00, 6 03¼

BALTIMORE, February 16.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and easier—Spot and February 74½c; March 74½@74¾c; May 75⅛@75¾c; Southern wheat by sample 68@75¼c. Corn dull and easier—Spot 39¾@40c; February 39¼@39¾c; March 39⅝@39¾c; April 39⅝@39¾c; Southern white corn 39@41c. Oats firmer—No. 2 white 31¼@31¾c; No. 2 mixed 29@29½c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, February 16, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in moderate demand; prices unchanged. American middling 5 3-32d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,700 American. Receipts 10,000 bales, including 7,000 American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet but steady at the advance. American middling (l. m. c.)—February 5 buyer; February and March 4 61 64d buyer; March and April 4 57 64@4 58 64d buyer; April and May 4 54 64d seller; May and June 4 50-64@4 51-64d buyer; June and July 4 48 64@4 49-64d seller; July and August 4 46-64d buyer; August and September 4 40-64d buyer; September and October 4 23 64@4 24 64d seller; October and November 4 14 64@4 15 64d buyer; November and December 4 9 64@4 10 64d value.

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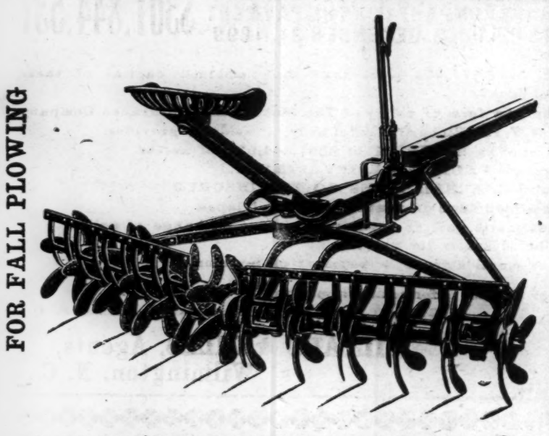

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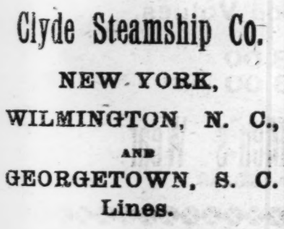

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Our Colonel And Laddie.

They became at last a home word, a regular proverb, among all the fellows of the —th light infantry and with the fellows' wives, too—our colonel and his little lad. Indeed, I have heard Jack Norris, ever noted for his malapropisms, say of them that "they took the shine out of David and Solomon altogether."

From the time of his wife's death, when the youngster was about 3 years old, with the exception of a short campaign in South Africa, I do not believe the colonel had ever been parted for 12 consecutive hours from his boy. Where he went there also went Laddie; indeed, there was a story that he took the child all unconsciously to a levee one day and only discovered his error when an official pointed it out to him.

As sure as the colonel's white charger appeared on parade there came Laddie's black pony, and the pony and horse were ever together on parade ground and review, route marching and divisional inspection.

Laddie lunched in the messroom always and dined with us also on those rare occasions (his birthday included) when every officer, married and single, thought it expedient to put in an appearance.

We went to India when Laddie was about 8 years old, and the doctors strongly advised the father not to risk the dangers of an Indian climate with a child of that age. Colonel Graham hesitated and at last made arrangements for the lad to stay with his grandmother; but, stern disciplinarian as he was in the regiment, he failed to obtain obedience from Laddie in this respect.

Laddie clung to his father, crying frantically that he could not, would not leave him, that it would kill him, and at last his father, that uncompromising autocrat inside barracks, gave way to the child's persuasion and took him to India.

We were sent, fortunately, to healthy stations, so no evil consequences ensued, but on each birthday the colonel announced that Laddie must now "go home," although somehow he never went, and so the years passed away until the boy's twelfth birthday came.

The usual programme was arranged: Tiffin in the messroom, a tea party for all officers' children, and a holiday and tea party for all the soldiers' children, to conclude with an especially grand dinner in the messroom, with the band to play appropriate music.

I came to the long tables to watch what Laddie called a "tea parade," and I was perfectly astounded at the rapidity with which those children demolished large currant buns and monstrous cups of tea.

At last even the most voracious child was satisfied, the remnants of the feast were removed, and the children commenced some of those fearful and wonderful games peculiar to the English child in all climates. After some time, however, the noise became too much for most of us, and even Colonel Graham retired to the messroom, where, standing at the open windows, we watched the games.

Suddenly a low rumbling noise attracted our attention.

"What is that?" I asked, but I received no answer, for at that moment the whole house was shaken, the windows almost falling in, and I saw the colonel, a look of speechless horror on his face, spring through the open window.

Some of the children, Laddie among them, were playing under the shade of a part of the barracks rendered uninhabitable by its ruinous condition, and which by some mistake on the part of the authorities, we had not been allowed to repair or destroy.

The earthquake, too slight to do more than shake the mess quarters, demolished this rotten building like a house built of playing cards. With screams of terror the children rushed away from the falling stones, all but one little girl, a sergeant's child, who, too young to understand the danger, ran crying to the ruin.

We all hastened over the square, men rushed from every direction, but none of us could be in time.

None! Yes, there was one. Laddie was close to the little girl, and, darting forward, he caught her, threw her with all his strength into safety and was crushed in her stead under a mass of falling bricks.

I heard the colonel's cry and saw his frantic rush among the cloud of dust. We saw him tear the stones from the little crushed form; he raised it in his arms—another moment and both would be safe—when a slight shock brought down all that remained of the ruin.

When I and a dozen others reached the spot, nothing could be seen of either father or child. We all used our utmost strength to drag away the debris, but several minutes passed before we found them, and every minute lessened their chance of life.

The doctor was with us before we found them, the boy still clasped in his father's arms. The doctor felt Laddie's pulse, laid his head on his breast, then said sadly:

"The child is dead, and I am much afraid that the father is also."

A further examination proved, however, that Colonel Graham was still alive.

"Will he live?" we all asked eagerly.

"Impossible," he replied, "the spine is paralyzed, and there are other injuries. Hush! He is conscious now."

The colonel looked up and whispered:

"Laddie! Doctor, how is my little lad?"

For one moment the doctor could not answer; then he said gently:

"Laddie is where he will never feel pain or sorrow, colonel."

I shall never forget the look of agony on the white, set face of the father. Then he said brokenly, "And I?"

"Old friend, you will join Laddie very soon."

"Thank God," answered the colonel reverently, and they were his last conscious words.

We buried them together, our colonel and his little lad.—London Evening News.

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2 20 p m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	9 35 a m
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Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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Farm of 143 Acres

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House in Kenansville.

One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

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One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, fronting railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary outbuildings. A nice desirable six-room residence. Farm contains 100 acres.

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Containing 265 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheep and cattle. Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lot of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns. Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A nice orchard of 500 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

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STATEMENT OF
Atlantic National Bank,
WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 868,971.54
Overdrafts		6 76
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've ag'ts	$ 79,160.26	
Due from other banks	152,150.99	
Cash on hand	79,831.51	327,652.76
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Circulation		41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas.	$ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207,663.55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	1,024,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$972,000	$974,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	76,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

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Schedule In Effect Jan. 14, 1900.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.16 A. M., Warsaw 11 29 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.18 P. M., Richmond 7.35 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.20 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 P. M., Warsaw 8.53 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.04 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.38 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M. Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. No. 58—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.48 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York *9.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 8.05 A. M., Petersburg 9 45 A. M., Norfolk 2.05 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.53 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4 23 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.45 P. M., Washington 3.07 P. M., Richmond 6.48 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.00 P. M., Weldon 8.58 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.30 A. M., Goldsboro 7.21 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 3.15 P. M N. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 9.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.35 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.06 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.20 P. M. arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Marion 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M. Hope Mills 10.43 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.52 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 9.06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.03 P. M., Greenville 6.37 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.32 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.20 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 10 00 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 11.10 A. M., 4.50 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M. 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Nashville 12 15 A. M.; 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M. leave Conway 6.30 A. M. Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.15 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.50 A. M., 7.40 P. M. arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.35 A. M.; 5.55 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.00 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.00 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.30 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.26 P. M., 10.25 P. M. arrive Selma 2.45 P. M. 11.10 P. M. Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M. Fayetteville 4.35 P. M. 12.17 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.55 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.55 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.54 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M. 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.19 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.05 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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Gen'l Passenger Agent.
J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad
Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 30	Kinston.....	10 19	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	9 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M. and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilming ton and intermediate points.

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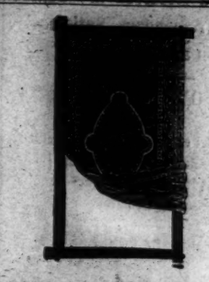

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The Morning Star.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 17.

THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

New Orleans Exchange Statement Showing Receipts, Exports and Stocks as Compared With Last Year.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, February 16.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement shows an increase in the movement into sight compared with the seven days ending this date last year in round figures 102,000 bales, a decrease under the same time year before last of 23,000 bales.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 206,785 bales, against 104 483 for the seven days ending this date last year, and for the sixteen days of February it has been 507,483, against 304,242 last year.

The total movement for the 169 days from September 1st to this date is 7,355,581 bales, against 9,199,774 last year and 9,236,171 year before last.

The movement since September 1 t shows receipts at all United States ports 5,235,454 against 7,045,802 last, and 7,159,002 year before last year, overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 993,233, against 1,040,872 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 329,941 against 383,747 last year; Southern mill takings 796,953 against 729,353 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 110,056 against 117,767 last year, making the total thus far for the season 3,643,610 against 5,593,084 last year.

The total takings of American mills, north and south and Canada thus far for the season have been 2,651,545 against 2,456,237 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty nine leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 23,536 against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 94,097.

Including stocks left over at ports and the interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 7,974,479 against 9,467,430 for the same period last year.

The World's Visible Supply.

NEW ORLEANS, February 16.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 53 858 bales, against a decrease of 102,124 last year.

The total visible is 4,089,731 bales, against 4,143,589 last week and 4,472,684 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,322,731 bales, against 3,362,589 last week and 4,490,684 last year; and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 767,000, against 781,000 last week and 982,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply as above there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe, 1,854,000 bales, against 3,367,000 last year; in Egypt 193,000, against 274,000; in India 347,000, against 418,000; in the United States 1,696,000, against 1,414,000.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

A Prominent Citizen of Pitt County, N. C., Waylaid by Negroes—A Posse Pursuing the Robbers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., February 16.—A special from Greenville, N. C., to the *Virginian-Pilot* says:

J. J. Laughinghouse, one of the largest and most prominent planters of Pitt county, N. C., was assaulted and robbed by four negroes to-day. Mr. Laughinghouse came to Greenville yesterday to dispose of his tobacco. He spent last night with his son, Dr. Charles Laughinghouse, leaving for his home at 9.30 o'clock this morning. While crossing a swamp, seven miles from town, the negroes, armed with an axe and pistols, sprang from the bushes and relieved him of $500 in cash and $600 in Norfolk exchange, but did him no bodily harm, after which they fled into the swamp.

Mr. Laughinhhouse drove to a telephone station further on and notified officers in Greenville of the robbery. A posse was organized and immediately left for the scene of the crime. The sheriff telegraphed for bloodhounds, which arrived this evening and were taken to the swamp and put upon the trail since then nothing has been heard from the posse.

The negroes are believed to be in the heart of the swamp, and the prevalence of water, due to recent rains, may make it difficult to trail them. Great excitement prevails and the negroes will be handled roughly by the populace when caught, unless the officers remove them quickly to some other place.

FIXING FREIGHT RATES.

Protests Against the New Classification Schedule to Southern Points.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 16.—The Southern Classification Committee held a meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria to-day to hear protests of representatives of the Merchants' Association of this city, and of Eastern shippers to Southern points, against the new classification schedule, which went into effect on February 1st. A number of the Eastern freight and general freight agents were also present. William R. Corwin represented the Merchants' Association and argued against the classification schedule and presented a long analysis of Southern classification, illustrating the probable effect of the new classification. Subsequently the members of the association went into executive session with the Southern Freight Association, which is a sub committee of the Southern Classification Committee. The members spent the greater part of the afternoon fixing schedules and comparing rates. Then they adjourned.

Total bank clearings at the principal cities for the week, $1,507,131,331; increase, 8 6 per cent.; outside New York city, $599,059,243; increase, 13.3 per per cent.

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STILL SOME UNCERTAINTY.

Actual Relief of the Place Still a Matter of Time—Rumor That French Has Merely Fallen Into a Trap—Reassuring Dispatches.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, February 16, 11.45 P. M.—While there is tremendous satisfaction and jubilation here at Field Marshal Lord Roberts' and General French's success, those best suited to judge the situation are inclined to the opinion that, pending more definite information, the news had better be regarded as assuring, rather than as accomplishing the relief of the beleaguered city Kimberley. A careful study of the ambiguity of the wording of Lord Roberts' dispatch leads to the belief that the actual relief of the place is a matter of time yet. Kimberley, it is pointed out, can scarcely be termed relieved until it is feasible to take provisions there. The rapidity of General French's march indicates that he was unable to do thus; whether he left his lines behind him open is only a matter of surmise. It is considered most probable that Lord Roberts and General French's brilliant tactical success, which it is under any circumstances, resembles the first relief of Lucknow, when the dispersal of the enemy's forces was by no means immediately effected. Another remarkable feature of Lord Roberts' laconic cablegram, is the fact that it is dated at Jacobsdal, which was General Cronje's advance base of supplies; yet there is no word explaining the British commanders' presence there, nor word of any opposition which he or General French encountered. Had Lord Roberts inflicted a decisive defeat on the Boers it is believed he would have mentioned it, as such a success would be greatly paramount to the relief of Kimberly, or the throwing into that place of a garrison which could assure it holding out. However, General French's entry into Kimberley has been effected, and doubtless brings joy to the hearts of those who have been shut up in the city for 122 days. Their defenders number 4,000, while General French's force is estimated at between six thousand and eight thousand men. The Sixth and Seventh divisions have already crossed the river and are probably with Lord Roberts at Jacobsdal.

Where Are the Boers?

What has happened to General Cronje and the whereabouts of his forces, puzzles the experts.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, February 14th, received this morning, says: "The Boers are leaving Magersfontein to reinforce another position. It is estimated that between 7,000 and 10,000 men remain there."

Lord Roberts' wide turning movement, via Jacobsdal, may have cut off these troops from Blomfontein. But while the British forces are endeavoring to intercept the Boer communications there is a parallel Boer column trying to cut off the British lines to De Aar, and it is apparently meeting with some success, though later dispatches referring to General Clements' retirement to Arundel, say the movement was undertaken for strategic purposes, and that during the course of the march the Boers were driven off by a heavy fire, the Inniskillings charging brilliantly and inflicting great loss upon the burghers.

A Boer dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated Thursday, February 15th, says the initial attack on Colesberg, February 12th, resulted in a federal loss of nine men killed, fourteen wounded and five prisoners. The British, it is added, were driven out of their camp and one of their Maxims was captured.

Talk of a Boer Trap.

The news of General French's entry into Kimberley was received on the Stock Exchange here with rousing cheers. No boom in stocks was created, but a satisfactory undertone prevailed. DeBeers rose 1¼, but subsequently fell 1¼ on a Paris rumor that General French had merely fallen into a Boer trap.

According to a dispatch from Chieveley, dated Wednesday, February 14, it has been ascertained that the British artillery during last week's fighting rendered two large Boer guns and one Nordenfeldt ineffective.

A Sterkstoom dispatch of Wednesday, February 14th, says that Colonel Eager, who was wounded and captured at Stormberg, died February 13. The Boers turned his body over to the British at Molteno.

French Chasing the Boers.

LONDON, February 14, 4:45 A. M.—General Cronje, with a start of a day or two, is seemingly in full retreat from Lord Roberts, moving northward. General French, with the cavalry, simply stayed overnight in Kimberley, and then pushed on to get in touch with the retiring enemy. A long Boer wagon train is moving toward Bloemfontein, followed presumably by a large force of British infantry. In their hasty departure, the Boers lost quantities of supplies and ammunition.

Military opinion here is that Lord Roberts will not push far after the Boers immediately, because of transport problems and the need of rest for the troops. He has to feed seventy thousand persons in his army and the whole population of Kimberley. He must rebuild the railway from Modder River town to Kimberley and revictual the latter.

General French lost a few men only in action, but the forced marches and heat have probably made many ill. Numbers of remounts must be provided.

Lord Roberts has wrought a genuine preliminary success and the impression is that he has done enough for the present. He will need to prepare for another strike.

Rejoicing in England.

All over England to-night there have been evidences of public joy. In every theatre and public meeting, around the railway stations and in the streets there have been expressions of gladness and jubilation over the news. The newspapers are editorially rejoicing.

Gen. Roberts' Dispatches.

LONDON, February 16, 9.15 A. M.—The War Office announces that General French reached Kimberly Thursday evening. The following is Lord Roberts' message to the War Office:

"*Jacobsdal, February 16.*—General French, with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley this evening, Thursday."

LONDON, February 16, 7.44 P. M.—The War Office makes public a dispatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts saying:

"*Jacobsdal, February 16*—The following from General French was received this morning.

"'I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley, from Alexander's fontein to Oliphant's fontein, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured the enemy's laager, store depot supplies and supplies of ammunition. Casualties, about twenty of all ranks wounded.'

"'Kimberley cheerful and well.'"

General Roberts also sent the following dispatch:

"*Jacobsdal, February 16.*—I have good reason to believe the Magersfontein trenches have been abandoned and that the Boers are endeavoring to escape. General French is scouring the country north of Kimberley. One of General Kelly-Kenny's brigades of infantry is in pursuit of a large Boer convoy moving towards Bloemfontein."

The Fighting on Thursday.

"*Outside Jacobsdal*, February 15.—Jacobsdal is now in possession of the British. Yesterday, a small cavalry patrol entered the place and found it full of wounded, including several British from Rensberg. The place was only occupied by a small force which fell back before the patrol, after a series of small skirmishes. A battery of artillery shelled the environs and drove out the last of the Boers.

"Early this morning a large force of Boers from Colesberg with ten guns, attacked a convoy of two hundred wagons at the Riet river, shelling vigorously and doing damage. But strong reinforcements have been sent hence and it is hoped they will bring in the whole convoy in safety.

"General French's division seized three drifts on the Modder river. At the third drift the Boers were fairly strongly entrenched. General French bombarded them and drove them off. To day he moved rapidly in the direction of Kimberley.

"The Boers have left Alexander's fontein, which the British now occupy.

"General Roberts is in excellent health and spirits."

The Road Now Open.

OUTSIDE JACOBSDAL, O. F. S., Thursday, Feb. 15.—The road between Modder river and Jacobsdal is now open. The distance is only nine miles. The road is available for sending reinforcements and supplies.

When the Boers evacuated Jacobsdal they were obliged to pass over a ridge where they afforded a splendid mark for the British guns which showed shrapnel upon the retreating enemy.

The convoy which was attacked at Riet river had been countermanded, but the order did not arrive in time and the experience was a very warm one, although the Boers did little material damage.

As General French, with the strengthened division pushed forward toward Kimberley he found the beleaguring Boers deserting their position at Alexander's fontein, thus allowing a portion of the Kimberly garrison to occupy and entrench the place.

The Boers' Account.

PRETORIA, February 16.—The Transvaal government has made public the following official dispatch:

"Yesterday, at Rendeval drift, in the neighborhood of Jacobsdal, the Federal troops were engaged in a severe fight with 2,000 British who were trying to reach Kimberley. Commandant Delarey continued the engagement until this morning, the Federal casualties being five wounded.

"After another two hours of hard fighting it is reported that the British retired, leaving Colonel Henry dangerously wounded. Colonel Henry, with his servant, was taken to Jacobsdal.

"An official dispatch from Colesberg says that fighting was resumed on Tuesday, February 13th, and that the British has sixty killed and wounded and lost eighty captured. The Federal forces had no casualties during the fighting."

Quiet at Ladysmith.

HEAD LAAGER, near Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 14.—The British from Chieveley have been bombarding the Boer forces at Blaauw Krantz, east of Colenso, since yesterday afternoon, the bombardment continuing throughout the night. The Boers responded with rifle fire. Particulars are lacking.

All is quiet around Ladysmith.

The Crossing of Modder River.

RIET RIVER, ORANGE FREE STATE, February 14.—General French, in command of the cavalry division and with a strong force of horse artillery, left Modder river Sunday morning for Rambam, twelves east of Enalin, where the whole division concentrated. The next day he made a rapid ride to Riet river, where a body of Boers contested his passage at Dekiel and Waterfall drifts. After some hours' shelling Gen. French drove the Boers away and crossed the river.

Yesterday (Tuesday) the column continued its march to Klip and Romdaval drifts, on the Modder river, where again a short engagement ensued, General French shelling the Boers vigorously and forcing a passage. The Boers precipitately retired, leaving five laagers in the hands of the British, besides a great quantity of cattle and two thousand sheep.

The rapidity of General French's march and the overwhelming nature of his force enabled him, in spite of the difficulties of water transportation, to thoroughly outwit and surprise the Boers. The British casualties were slight.

A TRUCE IN KENTUCKY.

Agreement to Postpone the Taylor-Beckham Suits.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, KY., February 16.—The agreement to postpone the Taylor-Beckham suit will operate as a truce in the legal battle over the State offices, and it is not probable that there will be any decisive changes in the situation till then, unless the return of the Democratic Legislature here next week adds some unexpected feature. A part of the attorneys on both sides held a meeting this evening and discussed several plans for consolidating the various injunction cases, in order to avoid a clash between the different State courts in which they are pending, but a final understanding was not reached.

A proposition which is said to meet with favor, is that all of the cases can be consolidated and submitted to a judge of one of the neighboring circuit court districts, excluding both the Jefferson county and Franklin county courts.

FRANKFORT, KY., February 16.—The hearing of the injunction suit of Governor Beckham against Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall was postponed to-day to February 21, when, unless some agreement is in the meantime reached, the matter will come up before Judge Cantrill at Georgetown.

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ANTI-EXPANSION DEBATE IN SENATE

Senator McEnery of Louisiana Strongly Opposed Acquisition of the Philippines.

MR. BACON'S RESOLUTION.

Speech by Senator Stewart—Hawaiian Bill Taken Up—House Proceedings. Civil Service Law and Pension Appropriations Discussed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, February 16.—The Philippine question occupied the Senate to day. Senator McEnery, Democrat, Louisiana, strongly opposed the permanent acquisition of the islands, and Senator Stewart, silverite, Nevada, took a pronounced position in favor of the admission of the products of any of the island possessions of the United States free of duty.

Senator Bacon's resolution declaring the policy of the United States towards the Philippine islands was laid before the Senate, and Senator McEnery, Democrat, Louisiana, addressed the Senate thereon.

The Filipinos, he said, had no conception of liberty guided by law. Order established one day on the islands would be succeeded the next by disorder and anarchy. He deprecated the acquisition of islands whose productions in the very nature of things were similar to many articles produced in parts of this country.

On the fields of Luzon, he said, cotton and rice as fine as grown in any part of the South would be produced and compete here with our own products.

The growth of cotton in Luzon by the cheap and degraded labor to be had there would interfere with the establishment of cotton mills in the South and New England. Though all should now support the United States authority over the Filipinos, Senator McEnery said he was opposed to expansion. God, himself, he thought, will solve the problem by destroying the inferior races.

Through our possession of the Philippines, Senator McEnery felt sure foreign complications would result with France, Austria, Germany and Russia, and we would be forced to seek an alliance with our kinsmen, the British. Adverting to the trouble in Kentucky, where, he said, an army had been employed to prevent the lawful sessions of the Legislature, he suggested that this country had enough to attend to without seeking troubles abroad. He had, however, no sympathy with the Filipinos, whose self-governing possibilities he ridiculed. Were they to acquire citizenship, he said, we would have repeated the troubles the country suffered through negro enfranchisement.

Senator Stewart, Nevada, followed with a speech on the disposition of all our insular possessions. He said that if to assist the people of the Philippines to establish local self government, after the plan adopted by Jefferson is imperialism, then Jefferson was the pioneer imperialist of the United States. The Philippines will never be dependent colonies. They will be allowed to conduct their own affairs with the assistance of such officers as may be necessary to appoint to aid them in establishing local self government.

No one pretends that the Filipinos are now fit for Statehood, said Mr. Stewart, but I repudiate the suggestion that they are not fit for just such government as Jefferson extended to the Louisiana purchase and Monroe to the acquisition of Florida. He stamped the charges that there is any intention to govern any of our acquisitions by the strong arm of the military as absurd, and said the suggestion of an import duty on the products of Porto Rico is pregnant with evil. The colonial policy of greed, with discriminating duties against the products of our own territory, would breed dissatisfaction and discord. It might lead to militarism. It might involve vast expenditures to maintain armies of occupation, which would be dangerous to the safety of the republic.

The Hawaiian bill was then taken up and during its reading the agreement of the House to the Financial bill was reported. The Senate agreed to a conference, naming Senators Aldrich, Allison and Jones (Arkansas) as conferees. The bill was laid aside when its reading was concluded and at 2:30 the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day indulged in its annual joke by striking from the Legislative Appropriation bill all provision for the civil service commission. This action is taken each year in Committee of the Whole, where the members do not go on record, and the provision is then invariably restored when the bill gets back into the House, where the members have to respond to their names upon a roll call. The vote to day to strike out was 75 to 67. To-morrow the House will reverse this action, as usual on an aye and nay vote.

Most of the time of the House today, beyond that occupied in the discussion of the civil service law, was devoted to attacks upon the speech made by Mr. Sims, Democrat, of Tennessee, on Wednesday, in which he furnished some official figures on pension appropriations for volunteer regiments engaged in the Spanish war, to show that the Northern soldiers were much more clamorous than the Southerners. Considerable temper was exhibited in the debate.

At the opening the passage of the Currency bill by the Senate was announced, and by unanimous consent the Senate amendments were disagreed to and the House agreed to a conference.

The House then went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the Legislative Appropriation bill.

The friends of private claims attempted to defeat the motion, but were defeated—76 to 44.

Mr. Fitzgerald defended the civil service law. It had been grossly violated during the last campaign in Ohio, he said. He read figures to show the death list of Massachusetts volunteers in denying allegations that they never smelled powder. "What was the cause of their death?" asked Mr. Waehter, Republican, Maryland. "Disease contracted on account of the inefficiency of the government" replied Mr. Fitzgerald hotly, amid applause.

Mr. Hepburn, Republican, Iowa, in a caustic speech criticised Mr. Sims' statistics.

Mr. Pearre contended that the main point he had made (the immense preponderance of Northern over Southern pension claims) was correct.

Mr. Gains, Democrat, Tennessee, denied that the Democrats were opposed to liberal pensions; they were hostile only to unworthy claims.

Mr. Mahon declared that justice would be done to soldiers of the Spanish war without sectionalism.

Mr. Norton, Democrat, Ohio, declared that if the commissioner of pension prepared the tables included in Mr. Sims' remarks he should be removed.

Mr. Fitzgerald agreed with him; at the same time he rebuked Mr. Sims for his reflections on the Northern soldiers.

Mr. Talbert, Democrat, South Carolina, extolled the courage of Mr. Sims. "I am glad he has placed the facts before us," said he. "He has opened the eyes of the House and the country."

Mr. Hepburn offered an amendment providing that all employes of the departments shall be divided into four classes, the tenure of members of one class to expire at the end of each fiscal year, reappointive for five years, but no longer.

Mr. Gillett, Republican, Massachusetts, made a point of order against the amendment and the point was sustained.

Mr. Mudd, Republican, Maryland, then moved to strike out the civil service provision.

Mr. Sherman, Republican, New York, who was in the chair, ruled that debate was not in order. The motion to strike out prevailed—75 to 67.

Mr. Cannon gave notice that he would demand a yea and nay vote in the House. The committee then rose.

The night session for pensions was postponed until Monday night.

At 5 o'clock the House adjourned.

MOLINEUX SENTENCED.

To Be Executed in Sing Sing Prison—Notice of Appeal Given by Prisoner's Counsel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Rowland Molineux was to-day sentenced to die in Sing Sing prison during the week of March 26, for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, and was placed in the Sing Sing penitentiary this afternoon. He made a statement before sentence that he had not been fairly convicted, and that "yellow journalism" had put a price upon his head, inviting "every blackmailer, perjurer and rogue."

He entered a specific denial of charges and closed: "Above and beyond everything else, I denounce and despise the action of the district attorney in attempting to vilify and attack the character of the pure and lovely woman who bears my name. It was the act of a blackguard. It was a damnable lie. Now, your Honor, I am prepared to hear you sentence me. I am not afraid, because I am not guilty."

Before sentence, his counsel served notice of appeal. General Molineux to-night issued an appeal to the country for sympathy for his household and thanking the public for expressions of confidence.

SING SING, N. Y., February 16.—Roland B. Molineux is now in a condemned cell in the death house at Sing Sing prison, having arrived here this afternoon. There was a curious crowd about the station. Molineux appeared cool and did not seem to notice the crowd.

Molineux was taken as once to the death house, where he took leave of his father, his brother and lawyer Battle, who had accompanied him from New York.

MISSISSIPPI SENSATION.

State Senator Bradley Shot and Slightly Wounded by Mrs. Ida Bolls.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSON, MISS., February 16.—State Senator R. L. Bradley was shot and slightly wounded at Raymond this afternoon by Mrs. Ida Bolls, who alleges that Bradley had failed to keep faith in a promise to marry her. Senator Bradley was seated at dinner in the hotel when the woman entered the dining hall and fired at his head, the bullet entering the back of the neck and inflicting a painful though not fatal flesh wound. Mrs. Bolls then attempted to commit suicide by stabbing, but was prevented.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Military and Naval Expedition Leaves Manila for Camarines Province

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, February 16.—Brigadier General Alfred Bates and Brigadier General Bell, with the Fortieth and Forty-fifth infantry, Keeler's battery and many pack mules, left for the province of Camarines to day. The cruiser Baltimore and the transports Tartar and Athenian compose the fleet, which with the gunboats accompanying, will land at Nueva Caceres and sweep the province. It is expected that there will be much campaigning in the mountains.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1899: Galveston, 1,502,708 bales; New Orleans, 1,401,354; Mobile, 172,490; Savannah, 858,483; Charleston, 210,520; Wilmington, 268,675; Norfolk, 314,987; Baltimore, 67,409; New York, 56,318; Boston, 62,513; Newport News, 14,053; Philadelphia, 33,744; Brunswick, 57,640; Port Arthur and Sabine Pass, 33,190; Pensacola, 91,569. Total, 5,145,883 bales.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Marine Hospital Service advices up to February 9th, from Honolulu, report four new cases and three deaths from the bubonic plague since February 2d.

The schooner Isaac H. Tillyer, of Philadelphia, which sunk Wednesday at New Point, about twenty five miles below Old Point Comfort, was raised and towed to Norfolk for repairs.

The American ship Sea Witch, Captain Howes, from Wallaroo, December 3rd, has arrived at Lorenzo Marques, with eight hundred tons of flour. She evaded the British warships until within the three mile limit.

The Commercial Cable Company, New York, yesterday afternoon sent out the following notice: "We are advised that telegrams can now be accepted for Kimberley, South Africa, at sender's risk, and not exceeding twelve words."

It is said that the entire pine lumber interests of Virginia and North Carolina have been pooled. Dr. J. O. White, of Camden, N. J., is reported to have been the promoter and to have consummated the deal at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, Thursday.

The exchange of ratifications of the Samoan treaty took place yesterday at the State Department in Washington, and it is presumed that similar exchanges occurred at the foreign offices in London and Berlin. This is the last ceremony necessary to give full effect to the Samoan agreement.

Congressman White (colored), of North Carolina, in a speech before 400 people, under the auspices of the Afro-American Council, of New York, last night, said he had a bill for introduction in Congress, making lynching treason against the State. At no time, he said, has race prejudice been so strong, and it was time for the nation to see that every individual life is safe until the law takes its course.

BRYAN IN FLORIDA.

Addressed Enthusiastic Gatherings at Ocala and Leesburg—Will Take a Rest at Brooksville.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February 16.—Hon. William Jennings Bryan was met at the Union station this morning when his train arrived at 7:30 o'clock, by Hon. D. U. Fletcher, H. D. Knight, Captain C. E. Garner and others, and escorted to the Windsor Hotel for breakfast where he was met by his cousin, Hon. W. S. Jennings, a gubernatorial candidate.

At 9 o'clock he took the train for Brooksville, where he will remain for several days to rest, visiting Judge Jennings. Then he will proceed to Tampa, where he is expected to speak twice next Tuesday.

At Ocala he was introduced to an enthusiastic gathering by General Robert Bullock, who was a colleague when he was in Congress. After his speech he and Judge Jennings dined at the Ocala House, in company with two of the leading lawyers. The Plant system train waited half an hour for him.

He arrived in Leesburg at 5 o'clock P. M., and spoke fifteen minutes to about five hundred persons. All the stores in the town were closed. He and Judge Jennings then proceeded to Brooksville.

Colonel Bryan will speak at the Winter Park Agricultural Fair next Wednesday afternoon and in Jacksonville that night.

GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVY.

Ships in the Fleet Reserve at Portsmouth Ordered Ready for Sea.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, February 16, 4.53 P. M.—A telegram from Portsmouth says the admiralty inquiries at the naval ports have resulted in the assurance that forty-seven additional battleships, cruisers and torpedo-boat destroyers could forthwith hoist the pennant. The admiralty to-day ordered the ships in the fleet reserve at Portsmouth to be fully crewed and ready for sea.

This is regarded in some quarters as preliminary to putting the whole reserve in readiness for commissioning.

The British House of Commons passed the supplementary army estimates, $13,000,000, by 213 votes against 32 votes.

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BANK OF RUSSIA,	25,714,920
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